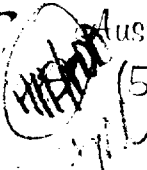




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Dear President Clinton,

Enclosed is a copy of the letter
I sent to the USDA - regarding
trade relations and labeling genetically
altered foods.

Please help protect consumer rights
and public health and require
labeling of G.E. foods. NOW!

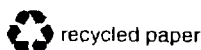
Thank you very much,

Jenny Clark

Reply requested please

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Dear USDA Foreign Agricultural Service,

I attended the WTO "listening session" on agricultural trade issues in Austin, Texas on July 8. I am furious about government support of "new technologies" in the food industry. Biotechnology is not the answer to the worlds foods needs. Sustainable organic agriculture is the only viable economical, ethical and ecological option.

Since genetically engineered foods have been unleashed on this planet, there have been serious biological damages. Monarch butterflies die after visiting GE fields. Even cattle given a choice, will choose non-GE feed. Organic fields are being polluted with GE pollen. This in itself is enough reason to cease production now of all GE farms worldwide. Organic standards are being lowered by the mere existence of nearby GE crop fields. It is irresponsible to human safety and to the biological life forms on our planet to continue the support of food biotechnology.

As an American consumer, I demand that the FDA FREEZE all "approvals" for any genetically altered organism used in the public food supply .

Begin immediately to destroy all GE crops in production. Recycle the "wasted franken food" as a fuel to burn in automobiles. Require all GMO's to be labeled! In big letters and in easy to read language, so that the consumers can choose if they want to eat soybeans genetically altered with round-up pesticide! I would like to make that informed choice for myself! Without labeling, I am forced to boycott soy products altogether, because I do NOT want to eat GE foods!

Here is my suggestion for labeling GE foods

1. This product has been created using genetically modified organisms. 2. Company name responsible for genetic alteration (Monsanto) 3. Introduced gene source (specify

the type of bacteria, virus, chemical, plant and/or animal) 4. The purpose for the alteration (control weeds, extend shelf life) 5 altered trait (resistance to herbicide)

Here are some of the arguments I heard at the hearing and my thoughtful response. ("They" are the speakers supporting the biotech food industry..)

1. They say "Boo Hoo, Europe is so mean, they won't buy our biologically polluted food products!"

I say "GOOD! The age old economic theory of supply and demand still works!"

2. They say " Boo Hoo, They are only refusing to deny our business as a marketing ploy to drive down the costs, because one day they will be begging for it"

I say " This is a classic denial syndrome. Face it. The market is clearly telling you "Thanks but NO THANKS! We do not want to be your guinea pigs for your other worldly franken-foods experiment!"."

3. They say "We don't want to deal with a public hysteria like we did in Europe"

I say "Then stop secretly experimenting with public health. An informed public in a democracy speaking the truth and voting with their dollars in a fair market is not hysteria. Isn't that the American way? It only seems like hysteria to the mad scientists who can't understand that we are unhappy with franken foods on the loose! I demand full disclosure NOW on all genetically modified organisms on the shelves of all grocery stores, now and forever.

4. They say "If someone disagrees with my diabolical biological experiment, then they don't know "good" science"

I say " These genetic experiments are dangerous to all living biological systems on the earth. Independent scientific data shows serious problems with GMO's. It is dangerous for the future genetic integrity of all living things. This scientific debate should happen in the public eye. "Good science" is based on the Natural Laws of the Universe. GMO's are a gross violation of these natural laws. All carbon based life on the planet is at risk!

5. They say " A few dead butterflies, big deal"

I say "Yes, it is a big deal. Because all living systems are integrated, the monarch butterfly is acting as an indicator species for us. Do you remember the deformed frogs found in the Great Lakes? They indicated severe chemical pollution and human risk."

Bottom line? I do not want to eat food that has been genetically altered! The FDA must stop approving these untested Frankenfoods immediately! I try to eat only organic foods, but even the organic food can be contaminated with GMO's! This is not a "level playing field". A level playing field is full disclosure and the consumer right to know. Stop this collusion with the chemical giants poised to take over the world food supply.

I am assuming that a government study on this issue will be biased with chemical company scientists. I and other Americans will not trust such a panel. Only a TRUE independent panel can grapple with these dangerous issues. An independent scientific review for biotech food safety for public consumption should at least include Dr. John Fagan. He says "without labeling it will be very difficult for scientists to trace the source of new illness caused by genetically engineered food".

I am also opposed to biotech foods for ethical and religious reasons. Combining different species is a violation of creation (Leviticus 19:19) The Christian Aid organization says "GM crops are irrelevant to ending hunger..." In my opinion they are not only irrelevant but dangerous for humans and other living creatures on our planet.

PLEASE require that all Genetically Modified Organisms be labeled! Let the market decide! Consumers have a right to know. Isn't there some law about "truth in labeling" ? If the chemical industry thinks they are so great, then why not?

Response requested please. Truly, Jenny Clark

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